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SUBJECT: SUMMARY STATEMENT ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF PARA 3B OF REFTTEL, FOLLOWING IS MY SUMMARY STATEMENT OF NEED FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PLANNED FOR PANAMA FOR FY76 AND RECOMMENDED FOR THE FY77-81 PLANNING PERIOD.

A. OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR PANAMA, SINCE INCEPTION, HAVE HAD AS THEIR PRIMARY PURPOSE THE FACILITATING OF EXPANDED BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USG AND GOP AND PREDISPOSING THE GUARDIA NACIONAL TO TAKE ACTION TO ASSIST IN THE PROTECTION OF THE CANAL AND ASSOCIATED INSTALLATIONS. THE \$600,000 FY76 SECURITY ASSISTANCE TRAINING AND MATERIEL PROGRAMS FURTHER THESE AIMS AND ADDITIONALLY SEEK TO IMPROVE THE GN'S OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL CAPABILITIES THROUGH CONTINUED FORMAL TRAINING IN US AND CANAL ZONE MILITARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF MODEST MATERIEL FOLLOW ON SUPPORT TO EXISTING LAND, SEA AND AIR ELEMENTS. WHILE OF LESSOR PRIORITY THAN THE MAINTENANCE OF A CONSISTENT LEVEL OF TRAINING ASSISTANCE, THE PLANNED \$300,000 MATERIEL PROGRAM, SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE IG-ENDORSED LEVEL OF \$200,000, REPRESENTS
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OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS, CONSISTENT WITH OUR CASP-STATED

OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING THE GN'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY PREPARING FOR THE PHASE-OUT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATERIEL PROGRAMS.

B. THE LEVEL OF MATERIEL GRANT AID PROPOSED FOR FY77 AND OUT YEARS IS LOWER THAN THAT SUPPORTED BY DOD, BUT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LEVELS REFLECTED IN THE SAPOM INPUT FOR PANAMA FOR THE PLANNING PERIOD. CONTINUATION OF A MODEST SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PANAMA DURING THE FY77-81 PERIOD WILL BE AN IMPORTANT ADJUNCT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO ASSIST PANAMA INCREASE ITS ABILITY TO ASSUME A PARTNERSHIP ROLE IN THE OPERATION AND DEFENSE OF THE CANAL UNDER A NEW TREATY. ADDITIONALLY, OUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE FMS PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY PANAMA HAVE MET WITH SOME DEGREE OF SUCCESS AND ARE CONTINUING.

2. IN SUMMARY, OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE CLEARLY CONSISTENT WITH USG AIMS AND OBJECTIVES IN PANAMA AND REPRESENT AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF OUR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.
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